

He is a member of the Research Advisory Committee for Carnegie Mellon University and a member of the Bosch Institute for Applied Studies in International Management, one of Germany's largest international corporations. Dr. Sutin also serves on the advisory boards for the Center for International Studies, the Center for International Business Studies, and the Center for Latin American Studies, all at Duquesne University. Currently, he is a part-time lecturer at the Katz School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Sutin brings extraordinary management experience, including a history of working with CEOs and motivating large and diverse staffs. He has energized business, as well as developed strong ties to all levels of the Pittsburgh business community, including significant relationships with area business and community leaders. One of Dr. Sutin's main focuses will be to ensure that CCAC's educational programs and workforce development initiatives meet local, national, and international economic trends. This will help to ensure that the nearly 81,000 credit and noncredit students that annually attend CCAC will remain among the region's most prepared to meet the challenges of the business world.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in commemorating Stewart E. Sutin, Ph.D., for his recent appointment as the new president of Community College of Allegheny County. His success serves as an inspiration to all of western Pennsylvania, as well as CCAC.

HONORING CORPORAL ROBERT
TOMCZAK FOR HIS ACTIONS
DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREE-
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HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 29, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery and courage of Marine Reserve Corporal Robert Tomczak for serving our Nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom. For his actions in the face of heavy fire from the enemy, Corporal Tomczak was recently awarded the Bronze Star. I offer my thanks and the thanks of all Nevadans for Corporal Tomczak's dedication to his fellow Marines and for his willingness to serve our country in battle.

Corporal Tomczak served as the machine gun team leader for the Las Vegas-based Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines. In the face of heavy enemy fire, Tomczak fought bravely and honorably to disrupt a flank assault and to silence incoming rocket-propelled grenade fire. While firing from behind sandbags, an armed gunman in a vehicle rammed his position, and falling sandbags from the vehicle's impact caused Corporal Tomczak to temporarily lose hold of his weapon. While still under enemy fire, he crossed into the open to retrieve his weapon and redeploy against the enemy.

Southern Nevada is proud to have men like Corporal Tomczak serving in our Nation's armed services. It is my distinct honor to commend Corporal Tomczak for all that he has done in his service to our country and for the State of Nevada.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ROBERT
N. BROWN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 29, 2004

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, Robert N. Brown's story began in Columbus 83 years ago on May 7, 1920, when he became the second baby born at the Bartholomew County Hospital. He was born the son of Raymond S. and Anna Newell Brown. He married Alice Elizabeth "Betty" Frantz on Aug. 9, 1947, in Columbus. He married Eloise Albert Sears on May 7, 1994, in Columbus. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife on August 19, 1991; and a sister, Elizabeth Marshall.

And Bob Brown was a family man who loved his family. He is survived by his second wife, of Columbus; a son, Jeffrey N. Brown of Columbus; daughters, Peggy A. Brown of Fountain Hills, Arizona, Rebecca E. Brown Thompson of Christchurch, New Zealand, and Susan A. Brown of Downers Grove, Illinois; stepchildren, Susan Sears of Briarcliff Manor, New York, and B.J. Sears of Los Angeles; a brother, Dr. Richard Brown of Phoenix; grandchildren, Zoran and Alex Gvojcic, both of Downers Grove, Sarah DeClue of Chandler, Arizona, Erin Boggs of Scottsdale, Arizona, Cameron Thompson of Christchurch, and Christi and Ian Brown, both of Columbus; and two step grandchildren, Kelsey and Sayre Sundberg, both of Briarcliff Manor.

Please know that each of you have our deepest sympathies and prayers in your loss.

His daughter Susan told me this week, "Dad always had time for us, and until I grew up, I never knew how unusual that was."

His professional accomplishments are equally extraordinary.

Mr. Brown was the former publisher of The Republic newspaper and chairman of Home News Enterprises.

A Purdue University graduate, he was a U.S. Army veteran serving in World War II and during the Korean War.

He was named to the Indiana Newspaper Hall of Fame and received the Community Service Award from the Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Arts Award.

Professionally, he served as president of Hoosier State Press Association and the Inland Daily Press Association and was deeply involved in the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the American Press Institute.

He was an inventor, obtaining patents for a copy-cutting device and a composing room system for classified advertising.

Among his community affiliations were Bartholomew County Hospital Board trustee, Hospital Foundation, North Christian Church, United Way, Rotary Club, Heritage Fund, Columbus School Foundation, Foundation for Youth, Columbus Jaycees and the Boys Club Council. He and his wife, Betty, established the Robert and Betty Brown Awards for Vocal Excellence. An instrumental scholarship also was added.

And we will enjoy the product of that philanthropy throughout this service.

His story ended Friday, March 19, 2004, at Shell Point Pavilion in Fort Myers, Florida.

But that hardly tells the story. There is so much more to tell because Bob Brown was

also a hero and an inventor and that story needs to be told as well.

Bob Brown was a soldier. After graduating from Purdue in May of 1941 Bob Brown went to work but would write in the family history, "Overshadowing everything we did was an ominous cloud of war."

Duty called. He enlisted in Army in 1942. Enrolled in the army school of advanced electronics at Chicago University and 2nd Lt Bob Brown, US Army Signal Corp reported to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey on 3 Dec 1942. An engineer by training, Lt Brown was schooled to operate a dramatic new top-secret technology known as Radar.

On 22 January 1944, Lt Bob Brown shipped out for the European theatre aboard the Queen Mary. He arrived in England and helped assemble Starting Point, the first early warning radar system in the history of modern warfare.

And he was there on 6 June 1944: D-Day. He wrote of that experience in the family history and I quote generously from his account of that time:

One of the most dramatic days of my life was 6 June 1944. I awoke to a deafening roar and leaped out of my pup tent to find the sky filled with planes from horizon to horizon. There were bombers and fighters from the Allied countries of every size . . . All were either going or returning across the channel. 'My God! It's here'—the long awaited invasion had actually come. We knew we were part of it, but when and where?

On 10 June 1944, four days later, the word came down. "Board an assigned landing craft with all vehicles at dawn 11 June and be prepared to land at Omaha Beach." The tension and excitement were unbearable. Our time had really come . . . As the beach neared, we all became quiet with apprehension. What would it be like to face enemy fire?

When we arrived at the beach we were relieved to see the fighting had moved in land . . . For 100 miles around us, including the southern coast of England, the northern coast of France and the Channel between I could clearly see every ship in the water and many vehicles moving on the land.

. . . For that brief period the magnitude of the operation overwhelmed me. We had actually landed in France! This invasion had to be the greatest feat in history.

Lt. Brown would serve courageously from D-Day to the Battle of the Bulge. After WWII, he returned to the service during the Korean War to train new heroes in the use of radar in combat operations at bases around the country.

Years later, as the illness that would take his life clouded his mind, according to Peggy, it was the memories of his service in World War II that, "Were the last memories to go." Almost until the end, he spoke with affection of the men and the times when his generation won freedom for the people of Europe and every generation that would follow.

His son Jeff told me that even 50 years later, "He felt his military service in World War II was the greatest contribution of his life."

And he was right. Lt. Brown was a hero.

Accordingly, and in recognition of his service to the people of France, I have been authorized to posthumously present the Medal of the Jubilee of Liberty, minted on the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion to Robert N. Brown on behalf of the Regional Council of Normandy and the grateful people of France